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April 19, 2017

Mr. Kershner:

The Pittsfield Police Department is in receipt of your letter, dated March 13, 2017 and received by my office on March 16, 2017, regarding records pertaining to the Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT). The Department has endeavored to compile the requested documents that are in our possession and from our Administrative Services staff.

In response to your specific requests:

1. Requested after action reports are included with this response.
2. Training descriptions of training provided by private vendors are included with this response. Be advised that specific training curricula will be denied under Exemption (n) of the Massachusetts Public Records Law.
3. Included in this response.
4. Included in this response.
5. The requested document does not exist.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Wynn", is written over the typed name.

Michael J. Wynn
Chief of Police

To: Chief Wynn
Lt. Winston
Lt. Traversa

From: Officer Orsi

Subject: Post Mission Brief / After Action Report / [REDACTED] Lime Street, Adams MA / [REDACTED] Arrest

Sirs,

On 03/04/16 at approximately 1420 hours, Adams Patrol Officer Gregory Charon was dispatched to the area of North Summer Street and Lime Street for a report of two school buses that received window damage as they drove thru the area. Adams Police Sergeant Matthew Wright also responded to the scene and was the initial on scene supervisor.

Shortly after, based on an initial observance of the damaged bus windows, there was concern that the buses may have actually been hit by either an air powered or small caliber weapon; prompting Adams Police Chief Tarsa to request mutual aid from the North Adams Police Department and Massachusetts State Police.

Adams Patrol Officer Josh Baker arrived on scene at approximately 1501 hours. Baker is also a member of the Berkshire County Special Response Team. Sgt. Wright briefed Baker and assigned Baker to be the scene tactical commander. Sgt. Wright then requested that Baker contact the Berkshire County Special Response Team Commander Lieutenant Michael Winston. Lt. Winston then approved the deployment of the BCSRT Team.

I was one of the earlier arriving team members and operated the Team's BearCat vehicle. Upon arrival, I assisted Lt. Winston with command operations of the team. Other BCSRT members assisting on scene included; Lt. Traversa, Ofc. Whitney, Ofc. Kirchner, Ofc. Hallas, Ofc. Dorr, Ofc. Cardino, Ofc. Beverly, Ofc. Carlotto, Ofc. Sondrini, Ofc. Nichols, Ofc. Towne, and Sheriff's Deputy Oneil.

Earlier arriving BCSRT operators learned that shooting suspect [REDACTED] was already being questioned within a police cruiser near Hisert's residence [REDACTED] Lime Street). Since it was unknown if any other suspects were possibly inside the residence, BCSRT operators maintained perimeter coverage around [REDACTED] Lime Street.

Approximately 30 minutes later, the BCSRT was informed that the Adams Police Department would be requesting a search warrant to enter the residence. Once the warrant was issued, the BCSRT was informed that they would enter and clear the structure prior to investigators entering and securing evidence.

The search warrant was approved and signed at approximately 1830 hours. At approximately 18:48 hours, BCSRT operators searched and cleared the structure. Upon completion of the safety search, BCSRT Commander Lt. Winston turned the scene over to Adams PD and the Massachusetts State Police Investigators. At approximately 19:13 hours, all BCSRT operators cleared the scene.

Respectfully,

Officer Orsi

03/04/2016

On the above date at 14:32 hours patrol officers of the Adams Police Department were dispatched the the area of Lime Street for a report of two school buses that had been hit by gunfire. I, Officer Joshua Baker, was off duty at the time of the incident. At 14:47 hours I received a call on my cell phone from Chief of Police Richard Tarsa. Chief Tarsa advised me of the facts that and requested that I responded to scene to provide tactical support. Upon my arrival at the scene I made contact with incident commander Sergeant Matthew Wright. Sergeant Wright informed me that two buses were hit by gunfire. He informed me he suspected the involved weapon to either be a small caliber firearm or a high powered CO2 air weapon. I asked Sergeant Wright what he needed from me. The Sergeant requested I assume tactical command and bring in additional tactical support from my fellow Berkshire County Response Team (BCSRT) members. At this time I deployed the limited patrol resources we had to further secure the area. It was still unknown where the shoots came from. I requested the next patrol unit to leave from the station bring additional tactical equipment, such as the ballistic shield, to the scene. I then made contact with BCSRT Commander Lieutenant Michael Winston. I advised Lt. Winston of the facts of the case and asked if he could deploy the rest of the tactical team to provide additional tactical support to our investigation. Lt. Winston informed me the team would respond.

Prior to rest of the team arriving, we were able to determine the location where in the shots came from, to be [REDACTED] Lime Street, I know this to be the home of [REDACTED]. Seconds later other SWAT Operators arrived on scene and perimeter and containment was established, by both operators and patrol officers. Officer Christopher Whitney (PPD) covered the (A) Alpha side of the home, while Officer Brenna Dorr (APD) covered the (C) Charlie, (D) Delta sides. The (B) Bravo side was covered by a Trooper from the Massachusetts State Police. We then formed a small immediate action team as additional operators arrived. This team was led by Officer David Hallas (PPD), also present in the stack were myself, Officer Adam Carlotto (GBPD), Officer Todd O'neil (BCSO), Officer Matthew Kirchner (PPD). As the immediate action team was getting into place Officer Dorr advised us the male suspect was exiting the residence. We rapidly deployed to assist her in detaining the suspect and providing cover on the home. Seconds later [REDACTED] was secured and turned over to Adams Police Sergeant Matthew Wright. The immediate action team then held on the the (C) Charlie side door of the residence.

Chief Tarsa Requested BCSRT hold on the home while a search warrant was obtained. After a brief wait a warrant arrived on scene. A new immediate action team was formed consisting of myself, Officer Whitney (PPD), Officer Kirchner (PPD), Officer O'neil (BCSO) and Officer David Orsi (PPD). This Team was led commanded by Lt. Winston. The immediate action team then conducted a slow and systemic search of the house. No additional threats were found and the scene was turned over to the officers from the Detective Unit.

At 19:13 hours all BCSRT units cleared from the scene.

Officer Joshua Baker #5

BCSRT

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On 03-16-17, At approximately 21:00hrs, I reported to the Pittsfield Police Station as part of the Berkshire County Special Response Team. Lt. Winston asked me to help with the planning stages of a warrant arrest that would occur the following morning.

I learned that there was a arrest warrant for [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] North St, first floor right. Mr [REDACTED] had 3 counts of armed robbery while masked. Mr [REDACTED] was alleged to have held up three separate banks with a knife. Mr [REDACTED] also had previously been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (shotgun). In addition, a search warrant had been granted to search the residence and vehicle that belong to [REDACTED]

Mr [REDACTED] was believed to be at his residence; the car that he usually drove a 2003 Maroon Saab Ma reg [REDACTED] was parked in the rear of the residence. Sergeant Strout and Investigator Price were in separate vehicles watching Mr [REDACTED] home and vehicle.

Lt. Winston tasked me with relieving Sergeant Strout and Investigator Price. Myself and Officer Sondrini met Sergeant Strout near 1226 North St. We were wearing plain clothes and driving an unmarked detective vehicle. Officers Silver and Goodrich were to take over for Investigator Price. They were also in plain clothes and driving an unmarked vehicle. At approximately 00:30hrs on 03-17-17, as Sergeant Strout was pointing Mr [REDACTED] apartment and vehicle out to Officer Sondrini and I, we saw the maroon Saab exit Mr [REDACTED] driveway. I radioed Officers Silver and Goodrich to move to [REDACTED] North and not let Mr [REDACTED] go back into the apartment. Sergeant Strout, Price, Sondrini and I followed the Maroon Saab. The vehicle picked up a female on Britton St and then return towards [REDACTED] North St. Lt. Winston repeated that we should not allow Mr [REDACTED] to return inside his apartment. At this time, Officer Sondrini and I were directly behind Mr [REDACTED] and the female. We followed his car up the driveway of [REDACTED] North St. and parked directly in back of his vehicle. I approached the driver's side door with my sidearm drawn, identified myself as a Pittsfield Police Officer. I recognized Mr [REDACTED] from the photo of him that I was given by Lt. Winston. I had Mr [REDACTED] turn off and exit the car. Mr [REDACTED] complied with all commands and was placed in handcuffs without incident.

Once in handcuffs, Mr [REDACTED] told me that he was in fact [REDACTED]. I explained that there was a warrant for his arrest and that detectives would arrive shortly to explain what was happening. Mr [REDACTED] was moved to Officer Garner's patrol cruiser for transport to the station. The female in Mr [REDACTED] car identified herself as [REDACTED]. A warrant check was negative and she was given a ride back to Britton St.

Sergeant Strout conducted a protective sweep of the residence looking for persons only. None were found and he immediately exited the residence and secured the doors. Animal Control Officer Moran arrived to take control of Mr [REDACTED] pit bull that was in the apartment. Officer Moran and I knocked on the first floor left apartment. This is the home of Mr [REDACTED]'s brother, [REDACTED]. We asked if he was willing to take the dog. [REDACTED] who was also in the apartment stated that they couldn't take the dog but did volunteer to help us with the dog as it doesn't see a lot of people and she wasn't sure how it would react. Ms [REDACTED] and I entered [REDACTED] apartment, collected the dog and immediately left the apartment and secured the door. ACO Moran took the dog to the city shelter.

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Lt. Winston then asked that Officer Sondrini and I watch the apartment and insure that no one enter. I parked just outside the rear door, Officer Sondrini parked just outside the front door. No one entered or exited the apartment until Captain Trapani arrived at approximately 08:20hrs. We then returned to the station.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. James Roccabruna



**Berkshire County Special Response Team
Sergeant Craig DeSantis (Lee PD)**

TO: Chief Roosa (LPD)
Lt. Trapani (PPD)
Lt. Foley (MSP)
Sgt Traversa (PPD)

DATE: 2/21/16

RE: Search and Arrest Warrant Execution(s) –

Sir,

On February 11th 2016 at approximately 0900 hours, the Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT), provided assistance to the Lee Police Department and Berkshire County Major Crimes Task Force, in executing a “No Knock” search warrant and acted on an arrest warrant at ■ Ferncliff Ave. Lee, MA 01238. As part of the same operation, BCSRT also assisted the aforementioned agencies with acting on two additional arrest warrants at ■ Ferncliff Ave Lee MA. 01238. ■ Ferncliff Ave and ■ Ferncliff Ave are separate apartments located with- in the same triplex dwelling.

The arrest warrant subject living at ■ Ferncliff Ave. was ■. The arrest warrant subject(s) living at ■ Ferncliff Ave. were; (1) ■ and (2) ■ (AKA ■). All three (3) arrest warrants stemmed from an assault, kidnapping and robbery incident that occurred in the Town of Lee on 1/26/16. This incident reportedly involved the discharge of a firearm. The search warrant at ■ Ferncliff Ave was to collect evidence pursuant to the Lee incident and the arrest warrants were for three involved subjects. A pit-bull dog was believed to be present at ■ Ferncliff Ave.

As part of this mission, I developed an operations plan. Officer D. Orsi of the Pittsfield Police Department assisted me with the development of this plan. A copy of this plan is available and can be provided as needed, if needed.

Pursuant to this plan, BCSRT operators were divided into two teams. Team one (1) was utilized for operations related to ■ Ferncliff Ave and team two (2) was utilized for operations related to ■ Ferncliff Ave.

The following BCSRT members were assigned to team one (1) of this operation:

1. Sgt C. DeSantis “LPD”
2. Ofc Losaw “PPD”
3. Ofc Murphy “PPD”
4. Ofc Baker “APD”
5. Ofc Orsi “PPD”
6. Ofc Whitney “PPD”
7. Sgt Roccobruna “PPD
8. Ofc Cardino “NAPD”
9. Ofc Door “APD”
- 10 Ofc Klink “PPD”

The following BCSRT members were assigned to team two (2) of this operation:

1. Sgt Traversa “PPD”
2. Ofc Sandrini “PPD”
3. Ofc Streit “PPD”
4. Ofc Beverly “NAPD”
5. Ofc Nichols “SPD”
6. Ofc Smith “Lenox PD”
7. Deputy O’Neil “BCSD”
8. Ofc Towne “LPD”
9. Ofc Carlato “GBPD”

Lt. Trapani of the Pittsfield Police Department was also present on scene.

The following vehicles and equipment was utilized and or available for utilization during this operation:

- i. Vehicles (2); “BEARCAT” and “BEAR” armored vehicles
- ii. Firearms: Dept issued side arms / AR-15 Rifles / Sub guns / less lethal
- iii. Tasers
- iv. Pepper Spray
- v. Handcuffs
- vi. Flashlights
- vii. Breaching tools (rams & pry bar)
- viii. Eye & hand protection
- ix. Fire Extinguisher
- x. Flash Bangs
- xi. Ballistic Shield
- xii. Animal pole
- xiii. Emergency Medical Supplies

BCSRT Command & Signal utilized for the operation were as follows:

Overall tactical detail leader; Lt. Trapani,

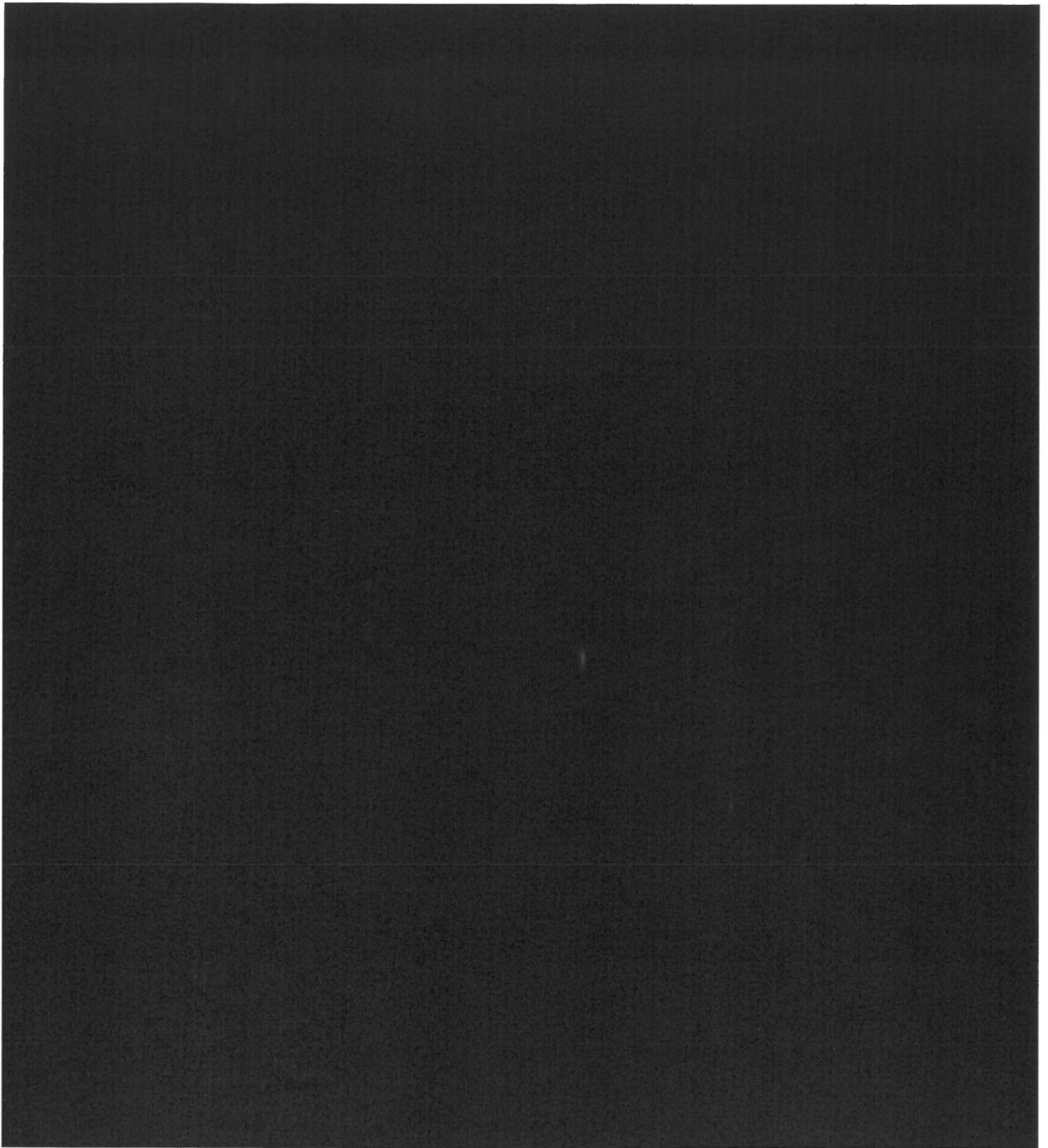
Team leaders; Sgt C. DeSantis, Sgt Traversa, Sgt Roccabruna

a. Signal

Radio Frequencies: Primary: SRT – 1 “Unsecured”

Alternate: LPD - 900 “Unsecured”

BCSRT team members met at the Lenox Police Department at approximately 0745 hours to be briefed the mission perimeters. Investigators from the Lee Police Department, BCMCTF and members from the Massachusetts State Police VFAS unit as well as BCSD support staff were present for the briefing. I conducted the briefing based on my previously prepared mission plan. I also utilized assorted maps, pictures, and personal lists as a visual aid during the briefing. These visual aids had been previously prepared by Officer D. Orsi. Pictures of those visual aids are attached to and made part of this report.



Subsequent to the mission briefing, at approximately 0845 hours, Investigators, SRT Operators and support staff left the Lenox Police Department and approached the target residence(s) in the following manner: Traveled west on Walker Street, turned right on Route 20 (bypass) heading west into Lee. Route 20 becomes Main St in Lee. The teams continued onto Main Street and turn left onto Ferncliff Ave. A marked Lee unit stopped north bound Main

Street traffic so all involved units made an unobstructed left turn onto Ferncliff Ave. Team one (1) was in the interior of the Bear Cat was the lead vehicle and stopped at the A/D side of the target building, at the end of the driveway so as to prevent vehicles from exiting the driveway. Team two (2) was in the interior of the Bear and was the second vehicle in the procession. The bear stopped at the B/A side. Officer Klink was the driver of the Bear Cat and Officer

On approach to Main Street in Lee, the three VFAS cruisers broke from the procession and turned left at Center Street and then turn right onto High Street. Those cruisers approach the target residence on High Street and the lead cruiser blocked Ferncliff Ave at High Street to prevent any vehicles from entering the area. The other VFAS cruisers staged along High Street. Troopers from VFAS exited cruisers and took up perimeter positions around the target building on the B/C and C/D and D/A sides. They also assisted the investigators as needed. All support vehicles that were in the procession staged behind the Bear. The marked Lee Police unit pulled in behind the support vehicle and closed Ferncliff Ave to any traffic approaching from Main St. Lee ambulance was put on standby to address any potential medical emergencies before our approach.

Team one (1) exited the bearcats and approached ■ Ferncliff from the A/D side. I lead team one (1) to ■ Ferncliff, which was marked by the numbers ■". I believed this to be the target door for the search warrant and arrest warrant. On our approach I conducted an overview of the outside of the residence and surrounding area visible to me and saw no reason not to continue with the plan of entering the target apartment. VFAS members and members from BCSRT took up posts around the exterior of the building to secure the perimeter and exit points. The exterior door leading to ■ Ferncliff Ave was checked and it was determined to be locked. This door opens in an outward manner. Officer Whitney recognized the most effective way to gain entry was to break the glass pane closest to the lock, reach in and unlock the door from the inside. Officer Whitney effected the breach. At the moment of breach, I began making loud announcements "Police Search Warrant". I repeated this multiple times as we entered the interior stairway leading to ■ Ferncliff. This was interior stairwell is only utilized by tenants of ■ Ferncliff Ave. I was lead Operator while going up the stairs. At the top of the stairs Operators reached a second door that leads directly into the target apartment. I checked this door and found it to be locked. I called for a breaching Officer. Officer Losaw approached utilized a ram tool to breach the interior door so the team one (1) could gain access into the apartment. Due the small stairwell area, I served as point operator and also served as breach cover for Officer Losaw. While striking the door and while entering the target apartment, members continued to announce their presence as "police" with a "search warrant".

BCSRT Operators entered the target residence and immediately encountered a person later confirmed to be ■ in a hallway. ■ was ordered to the floor and advised to keep his hands out. I stepped past ■ and continued into the living room area

while Sgt Roccabruna placed [REDACTED] in handcuffs. I encountered a second male subject in the living room area. This male was later identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was ordered to the ground and Officer Whitney placed him in handcuffs. [REDACTED] was advised that he was not under arrest at that time however was being secured in cuffs for everyone's safety pending follow up with the involved investigators. BCSRT operators entered a bedroom and encountered a female subject later identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that she was pregnant. For this reason and as a matter of discretion, she was not placed in handcuffs. She was advised to keep her hands in plain view and the area around her was frisked for weapons. At my request, female investigator Burdick entered the apartment as soon as practical and frisked [REDACTED] for weapons. [REDACTED] was allowed to put on additional clothing and it was established she did not need medical attention.

As previously stated, the involved subjects and area immediately around them were frisked for weapons. They were all allowed to sit in a comfortable manner. Specifically, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were allowed to sit in a chair, while cuffed, so as to be as comfortable as possible. [REDACTED] was kept in the bedroom. There were no requests or apparent need for medical attention by or for any of the involved subjects. The apartment was checked for additional occupants and none were found. All three occupants in the apartment were advised of the search warrant and arrest warrant for [REDACTED]. While checking the apartment, Operators noted in plain view on the living room couch a substance believed to be marijuana. The apartment and occupants were turned over to investigators with-out incident.

I later assisted [REDACTED] in putting on additional clothing and shoes before he was escorted out of the residence and turned over to BCSD officials for transport to lock-up.

As Team 1 initially approached [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave, Team 2 approached [REDACTED] as prescribed by the operation plan. Sgt Traversa advised the following actions were taken by team 2.

As previously stated, team 2 approached [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. from the Lenco Bear, which was parked just west of the front of the building. Sgt. Traversa and 3 other operators stacked on the front door, "A" side. 3 additional operators stacked on a door on "B" side. A single operator, in close proximity to Lt. Trapani, held on a second door on the "A" side, marked [REDACTED].

While Team 1 made entry into [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave., Team 2 stood by, assessing for any movement in [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. After 1-2 minutes, Sgt. Traversa knocked on the door to [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave., announcing "Police" and calling for [REDACTED]" to come to the door. Approximately 30-60 seconds later, a white female opened the door and was escorted to a safe area on the porch and spoke with MSP Trooper Rivera. A short time later, after continuously calling for [REDACTED]," [REDACTED] descended an obvious stairway from the 2nd floor and was fully cooperative in coming out onto the front porch and being secured in handcuffs.

Information gathered from the female and [REDACTED] was that [REDACTED] does live in the apartment, has not been seen by any of the other occupants yet this morning, and may be in his room in the basement of [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. Based on reasonable suspicion that [REDACTED] was present, Lt. Trapani ordered entry into [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. Several operators from Team 1 that had completed their entry of [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. joined Team 2 in making entry into [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. A slow systemic search for [REDACTED] was completed on the first floor, then basement, with negative results. Upon a search of the second floor for [REDACTED], a white male was encountered in the bedroom on the "C" side of the apartment. This individual was fully cooperative with operators and was escorted to the couch on the first floor. The remainder of the 2nd floor was searched for [REDACTED] with negative results. The majority of operators then exited the residence.

While team two was dealing with unit [REDACTED], a pit bull type dog exited one of the involved apartments. This dog was not being adequately controlled or restrained by the female subject that previously exited from apartment [REDACTED]. This dog was walking about the exterior area freely and was barking at police officers. The dog appeared to be a potential threat to anyone present outside. For everyone's safety, Officer Klink detained this dog with a dog pole. This was done for the dog's safety as well so that the animal's behavior could not escalate toward Officers. The female was uncooperative and verbally confrontational toward Officer Klink and other officers. The female party was allowed to place a leash on the animal. As a matter of discretion, Officer Klink opted to release the dog from the pole and was able utilized the leash to safely control the dog's movements. The dog was uninjured and was turned over to owner(s) as soon as appropriate.

Due to an operator noticing a piece of his equipment missing, 2 operators remained in the apartment searching for some tactical gear while Lt. Foley spoke in the living room with the male located in the upstairs bedroom. The equipment was located a short time later in the front yard.

All members of the BCSRT cleared from the scene after it was determined to be safe by the Investigative unit(s).

I left the scene with team one (1) in the Bear Cat. Team 2 left in the Lenco Bear. As team one (1) drove away from the scene, I observed a white Honda Pilot enter High Street from Center Street. I was aware that a Honda Pilot had been seen at the target residence while prior investigation was being conducted. Based on this, I made an assertive effort to observe the occupants in this vehicle as it passed by. In doing so, I observed a male subject that I believed to be [REDACTED] sitting in the front passenger seat. I was aware that [REDACTED] was one of the wanted subjects that resides at [REDACTED] Ferncliff Ave. I was further aware that [REDACTED] was one of the target subjects with an arrest warrant related to our mission.

The Honda Pilot was heading South on High Street toward Ferncliff Ave. I radioed to Officer Kohlenberger, whom I knew was stationed in a marked police unit at the intersection of Ferncliff and High Street. I requested Officer Kohlenberger stop the white Honda Pilot. Officer Klink immediately turned the Bear Cat around. Officer Klink pulled the Bear Cat behind the Pilot moments after Officer Kohlenberger stopped the Pilot near his post. The operator of the Pilot did stop as directed by Officer Kohlenberger. I exited the Bear Cat with Officer Murphy. In a tactical manner, [REDACTED] was ordered out of the passenger side of the vehicle. [REDACTED] was placed in handcuffs by Officer Murphy. [REDACTED]'s identity was confirmed. [REDACTED] was walked back to [REDACTED] Ferncliff and turned over to investigators. [REDACTED] was later put in a Lee Cruiser and transported to the Lee Police Department to be processed.

The driver was allowed to remain in her vehicle. She was identified and it was confirmed there were no warrants present. Her license and vehicle registration was status active. She briefly spoke to an investigator and was allowed to leave with the understanding that she may be contacted at a later date for a follow up interview.

At that point the BCSRT mission was complete and both teams left the scene.

No BCSRT members were injured during this mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Craig DeSantis
Lee Police Department

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To: Chief Wynn, Lieutenant Traversa

From: Officer Orsi

Re: After Action Report - SRT Quick Reaction Force Deployment on 03/04/17

Date: 03/05/17

On 03/04/17, at approximately 1000 Hours, The Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) received orders to assemble a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to assist the Pittsfield Police Department with the search for, and apprehension of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was wanted for his involvement in an attack upon a female victim at the Berkshire Inn within Pittsfield earlier this same morning at approximately 0457 hours. The victim required emergency surgery for severe facial wounds [REDACTED] was subsequently charged with Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon; to wit - knife and Assault and Battery resulting in Aggravated/Serious Injury.

BCSRT operators; Baker, Losaw, Smith, Orsi, and Winston assembled at the Pittsfield Police Department and were briefed that investigators had recently obtained cell phone location information for a cell phone believed to be utilized by [REDACTED]. This location information showed that the cell phone was most recently in the area of Coltsville, within the City of Pittsfield. BCSRT operators were also given information on a vehicle and license plate number; which [REDACTED] was believed to be operating this same day.

BCSRT members then deployed in three unmarked police vehicles and conducted a search of the greater Coltsville area from approximately 1130 hours until approximately 1600 hours. The three teams consisted of; Baker and Smith teamed up in one unmarked vehicle, Losaw and Orsi teamed up in one unmarked vehicle, and Winston operating an unmarked vehicle solo.

During the QRF Mission, no further cell phone location data was able to be gained and a multi-hour search provided no sightings of Vil or the vehicle he was believed to be operating. The QRF mission ended at approximately 1600 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Orsi

BCSRT 2016 Hells Angels Picnic After Action Report

On Saturday April 22nd, 2016 from approximately 10:00 – 18:00hrs, members and support staff for BCSRT assisted Lee PD, MSP, and assorted Federal and or State Law Enforcement Tasks Forces with high visibility patrols in the Lee area around the Hells Angels Club house.

This was due to the Hells Angels Motorcycle Gang having their annual spring picnic. The Hells Angels are a known criminal organization that was in the past involved in a triple homicide in this area. The MA State Police served as the primary organizing agency surrounding this operation. There was a pre-operation meeting with command staff from the various Law Enforcement Agencies present. During this meeting, Officer Safety, mission perimeters, communications, mission resources, agency member contact information and operational procedures were outlined. MSP Lt. Buel also provided a list multiple other incidents involving violence or other criminal activity in the recent past.

BCSRT members assisted the above agency with the following mission perimeters:

- 1) Maintain law and order in the general area
- 2) Sustain High visibility/zero tolerance saturation uniform officer patrols
- 3) Conduct intelligence gathering to turn over information to the Fusion Center and
- 4) Quickly respond to calls for service related to this even with several Officers if needed

The following team members and support staff were present and assisted in the operation:

- 1) Ofc. Marc Maddalena (PPD traffic)
- 2) Ofc. Jim Losaw - PPD, SRT, K9
- 3) Ofc. Nick Sondrini - PPD, SRT
- 4) Ofc. Kirk Nichols - Stockbridge PD, SRT
- 5) Ofc. Mike Smith - Lenox PD, SRT
- 6) Ofc. Ben Towne - Lee PD, SRT
- 7) Sgt. Craig DeSantis - Lee PD, SRT
- 8) Deputy Jason Breault- BCSD

Officers were dressed in their normal patrol uniforms and assigned to two man cars. Officers were instructed to conduct high visibility patrols on the streets surrounding the club house with zero tolerance for motor vehicle infractions. Officers were to use discretion on whether to apply fines or written warnings for infractions. All BCSRT members had their personal equipment in their cruisers in the case of a serious problem.

In addition to the patrols, the Berkshire County Sherriff's Department mobile command vehicle was parked off the road on WMECO property. The vehicle's video camera was directed at the road and video recorded all passing traffic for the duration of the detail. This video was preserved and was turned over to any requesting Law Enforcement agencies. The BCSRT Bear Cat was also parked at this location and was available to utilize if a tactical emergency came up.

Traffic Enforcement Officer Maddalena was in the area with the Pittsfield Police ALPR (automatic license plate reader). A list of the plates read will be forwarded to any Law Enforcement agency that requests that data via warrant.

Several Motor vehicle stops were conducted during the mission. Officers maintained high visibility patrols in the area through-out the mission. Copies of all citations were given to Lt. Buel. There were no issues throughout the detail.

Respectfully Submitted,

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